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ARGENTINA: THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT SAID [redacted] ON MAY 2 THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA WILL LEAVE THE GOVERNING JUNTA BY 1 AUGUST, BUT WILL REMAIN AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR A TERM ENDING IN MARCH 1981. VIDELA, WHO ALSO IS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, WILL RETIRE FROM ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY WHEN THE CHANGE OCCURS.4

IT IS NOT CLEAR JUST HOW MUCH POWER THE PRESIDENCY WILL HAVE ONCE IT IS SEPARATED FROM THE JUNTA. THE NAVY HAS SOUGHT FOR SOME TIME TO DERAIL VIDELA'S PLAN TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE. YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT MAY INDICATE THAT VIDELA AND THE ARMY HAVE PREVAILED. [redacted] 3.5(c)

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